

**PARLIAMENT OF THE
PROVINCE OF THE
WESTERN CAPE**

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2024

1. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

- (1) (a) What is her Department's plan to protect vulnerable groups being adversely affected by the patient backlog and (b) especially those in rural areas far from metropolitan areas;
- (2) what efforts are being made to reduce patient surgery backlog at hospitals, such as Tygerberg;
- (3) whether these efforts have been successful; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether there will be any further investigations into patient backlogs at major hospitals in the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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2. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to the Safer Festive Season Programme that kicked off in October:

- (1) How much of the provincial budget is being spent specifically on the Safer Festive Season Programme;
- (2) whether this programme is focusing on just popular tourist metropolitan areas, such as Cape Town, or will other areas, especially under-policed areas, be receiving assistance as well; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what was the outcome of last year's Safer Festive Season Programme;
- (4) whether the results have been maintained; if not, why not?

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3. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

How (a) does his Department plan to improve and safeguard learner transport amid budget cuts and (b) will his Department ensure that rural and underprivileged areas receive equitable access to safe and reliable transport options?

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4. Mr N P Masipa to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

Regarding the Tourism Product Development Fund:

(1) (a) How many (i) successful and (ii) unsuccessful applications were received since the inception of the fund, (b) how are these applications spread out per region of the province and (c) what is the (i) average amount applied for per region and (ii) total amount disbursed per region;

(2) whether there are any specific concerns related to the application process; if so, what has been done to address these challenges per region?

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5. Mr N P Masipa to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

(1) What are the details of the township economy's contribution to the Western Cape economy in terms of the (a) value and (b) number of participants in (i) 2019/20, (ii) 2020/21, (iii) 2021/22, (iv) 2022/23 and (v) 2023/24;

(2) (a) what challenges are township SMMEs facing in the province, (b) what plans are in place to address the identified challenges and (c) how is he collaborating with other government departments and entities to solve these problems?

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6. Mr N P Masipa to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

(1) What are the details regarding the current crop estimates of winter cereals, including (a) wheat, (b) malting barley and (c) canola, broken down by region;

(2) (a) whether these crop estimates are higher or lower in comparison to last year and (b) what the factors are that influence these estimated numbers?

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7. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

In relation to the performance targets of Western Cape Government departments:

(a) What measures are in place to ensure that the targets are aligned with government priorities, (b) what is the process followed to rectify the underachievement of targets, (c) how often are targets reviewed and adjusted by departments, (d) how does the (i) available budget and (ii) in-year budget cuts affect the setting or adjustment of targets and (e) what was the Western Cape Government's average performance target achievement rate in the last financial year?

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8. Mr D W Bryant to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

Regarding a recent standing committee visit to the Provincial Disaster Risk Management Centre where it was mentioned that the operation will likely be relocating to a new venue with improved facilities:

(a) What are the next steps in this regard, (b) when is it envisaged that the move will likely take place and (c) what other relevant information can be provided?

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9. Mr D W Bryant to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

Regarding the continued challenges that the Western Cape faces with pollution relating to single-use plastic waste:

What steps are currently being taken by CapeNature to reduce the amount of plastic waste entering reserves under its jurisdiction?

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10. Mr D W Bryant to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

What steps are being taken to further enhance and improve the accuracy and efficiency of weather warnings in collaboration with the South African Weather Services and other relevant partners?

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11. Mr D J Wessels to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

What are the statistics on infrastructure project delays caused by the national government's slow approval processes, particularly with respect to environmental and land-use permissions?

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12. Mr D J Wessels to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

(a) What is the extent to which national government funding shortfalls have had an impact on infrastructure projects in the province and (b) what percentage of project delays or cancellations can be attributed to these financial gaps?

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13. Mr D J Wessels to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With reference to infrastructure damage caused by severe flooding:

(a) What is the latest update on the progress of repair work to critical infrastructure projects on which the recent severe weather has had an impact, (b) what are the estimated costs associated with these repair efforts and (c) what are the projected timelines for completing the repair work?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 15 November 2024. Should the replies not be submitted before or on the deadline, the Members have the right to have the questions transferred to the Question Paper for oral reply in accordance with Rule 206.